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1. VEB-Entwurf in Berlin of the Staatssekretariat Binnenschifffahrt (State Secretariat of Inland Shipping) is responsible for the Ruedersdorf waters project for which draft designs are to be completed not later than 1 September 1953. The project, estimated at 18,000,000 eastmarks, is scheduled to be completed in 1954.
2. A proposal by the Bergbauleitung (Mining Authority) that the Ruedersdorf waters from Woltersdorf Lock as far as Stienitzsee (lake) be made part of the project was turned down by the Wasserstrassenverwaltung (Waterways Administration) on the ground that only 5,000 tons were shipped daily on this waterway at present. The Waterways Administration also stated that, even in the event of a 100-percent increase in shipping traffic, the Woltersdorf Lock could easily lock through twenty 500-ton barges in seven hours. The Waterways Administration had received no comment from the Mining Control Authority as of April 1953.
3. The Mining Authority stated that the railroad plant in Ruedersdorf handled 190 freight cars from the Ruedersdorf lime plant and 40 freight cars from the other industrial plants daily, including the nitrate plant in Ruedersdorf. [redacted] expansion work was proceeding on three tracks and learned that in 1955 the track system is to have a capacity of 450 freight cars daily.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Details concerning the Ruedersdorf waters project were previously submitted. [redacted] No information on approval or disapproval of the project has yet been available.

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